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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT EXEMPTING STATE EMERGENCY AND LAW  
ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES FROM CERTAIN EMISSION AND FUEL  
STANDARDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3       (a) The fleet average for cars or light duty trucks purchased by the  
4       state shall: (1) On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States  
5       Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage  
6       rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1,  
7       2003, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated  
8       highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, (2)  
9       comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the  
10      percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor  
11      vehicle fleet, and (3) obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of  
12      carbon dioxide emitted in its class. The alternative-fueled vehicles  
13      purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be  
14      capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system  
15      acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on

16 fuel that is available in the state.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, (1) on and  
 18 after January 1, 2008: (A) At least fifty per cent of all cars and light  
 19 duty trucks purchased or leased by the state shall be alternative-fueled,  
 20 hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, (B) all alternative-fueled  
 21 vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall be certified to the  
 22 California Air Resources Board's Low Emission Vehicle II Ultra Low  
 23 Emission Vehicle Standard, (C) all gasoline-powered light duty and  
 24 hybrid vehicles purchased or leased by the state shall, at a minimum,  
 25 be certified to the California Air Resource Board's Low Emission  
 26 Vehicle II Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Standard, and (2) on and after  
 27 January 1, 2012, one hundred per cent of such cars and light duty  
 28 trucks shall be alternative-fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric  
 29 vehicles. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services determines  
 30 that the vehicles required by the provisions of this subsection are not  
 31 available for purchase or lease, the Commissioner of Administrative  
 32 Services shall include an explanation of such determination in the  
 33 annual report described in subsection (f) of this section.

34 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not  
 35 apply to any [vehicle of the Department of Public Safety that the  
 36 Commissioner of Public Safety designates as necessary for the  
 37 Department of Public Safety to carry out its mission, provided the  
 38 Commissioner of Administrative Services approves of such  
 39 designation and, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public  
 40 Safety, provides an explanation of why the provisions of subsections  
 41 (a) and (b) of this section should not apply to such vehicles] law  
 42 enforcement motor vehicle or emergency motor vehicle, as such terms  
 43 are defined in 10 CFR 490.2.

44 (d) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty truck"  
 45 shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy  
 46 Publication DOE/CE-0019/8, or any successor publication.

47 (e) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Commissioner of

48 Administrative Services shall file a report with the joint standing  
49 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
50 relating to government administration, the environment and energy  
51 that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet,  
52 including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or  
53 used by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, the  
54 make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and  
55 the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses,  
56 and (2) a copy of the determination made by the Commissioner of  
57 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of  
58 public act 07-4 of the June special session\*. The Departments of  
59 Transportation and Public Safety shall submit all data requested of  
60 such departments by the Department of Administrative Services in  
61 connection with the preparation of such report.

62 (f) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the  
63 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall file a report with the  
64 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
65 of matters relating to government administration, the environment and  
66 energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet,  
67 including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or  
68 used by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, the  
69 make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and  
70 the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses,  
71 (2) any changes to the determination made by the Commissioner of  
72 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 35 of  
73 public act 07-4 of the June special session\* or any update concerning  
74 the waiver application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of section  
75 35 of public act 07-4 of the June special session\*, as applicable, (3) a  
76 listing of any vehicle exempted pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
77 section, [along with the Commissioner of Administrative Services'  
78 explanation for such exemption,] (4) any changes or amendments to  
79 the plan required by subsection (b) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of  
80 the June special session\*, and (5) any changes or amendments to the  
81 plan required by subsection (c) of section 35 of public act 07-4 of the

82 June special session\*. The Departments of Transportation and Public  
83 Safety shall submit all data requested of such departments by the  
84 Department of Administrative Services in connection with the  
85 preparation of such report.

86 (g) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may enter into  
87 any agreement necessary to carry out the provisions of subsections (e)  
88 and (f) of this section.

89 (h) For purposes of this section, "hybrid" means a passenger car that  
90 draws acceleration energy from two on board sources of stored energy  
91 that consists of either an internal combustion or heat engine which  
92 uses combustible fuel and a rechargeable energy storage system, and,  
93 for any passenger car or light duty truck with a model year of 2004 or  
94 newer, that is certified to meet or exceed the California LEV (Low  
95 Emission Vehicle) II LEV Standard.

96 (i) In performing the requirements of this section, the  
97 Commissioners of Administrative Services and Environmental  
98 Protection shall, whenever possible, consider the use of and impact on  
99 Connecticut-based companies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4a-67d

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